

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action dated March 24, 2006, Applicants have canceled claims 1, 2 and 4, without prejudice, and amended claims 9 and 13 to amend the dependency of these claims. No new matter has been added.

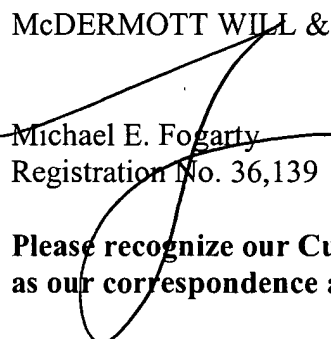
Applicants once again note with appreciate the indication of allowance of claims 5 – 8. As all of the rejected claims have been cancelled from the application, it is respectfully submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance.

If there are any outstanding issues that might be resolved by an interview or an Examiner's amendment, the Examiner is requested to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number shown below.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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